

PUBLIC NOTICE

PERMIT APPLICATION: NRS 05.403

APPLICANT: Overton Mountain Development Partnership
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LOCATION: Chestnut Hollow Branch and unnamed tributary, Overton Retreat on Long Mountain, Warren County, 35.6709 °N, -85.6215 °W

WATERSHED DESCRIPTION: Chestnut Hollow Branch and its tributary are tributaries to Dyer Gulch Creek and are located in the Caney Fork watershed (HUC 05130108). These streams are not currently assessed for their designated water quality uses (recreation, fish and aquatic life, livestock watering and wildlife, and irrigation). Both channels are small, highly intermittent streams, with variable channel width, a sediment substrate that transitions to gravel/cobble, and young forested riparian zone. The watershed size is approximately 100 acres. The streams are Tier 1 waters.

Color photos of the existing streams and the existing impoundment can be viewed on the Internet version of this notice at

<http://www.state.tn.us/environment/wpc/ppo/arap>.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to impound approximately 2,000 linear feet of stream to create a second impoundment for the Overton Retreat development. The purpose of the impoundment is an amenity lake for the residents and students of a local high school and is considered a key part of the development master plan.

The impoundment is proposed for construction during the seasonally dry time for the stream (summer and fall). The 38-foot high dam will be constructed with a clay core and the lower areas of the impoundment zone will not be grubbed.

The applicant asserts that the replacement of approximately 2,000 feet of intermittent headwater stream with the 15 acre lake will not change the classified uses of the water or result in an overall net loss of resource values, therefore no mitigation is proposed.

USGS TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE: Welchland 328 NE

PERMIT COORDINATOR: Juliana W. Kyzar

No decision has been made whether to issue or deny this permit. The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties of this permit application and to ask for comments and information necessary to determine possible impacts to water quality. Persons wishing to comment on the proposal are invited to submit written comments to the department. Written comments must be received within **thirty days of the date that this notice is posted**. Comments will become part of the record and will be considered in the final decision. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced.

Interested persons may also request in writing that the department hold a public hearing on this application. The request must be filed within the comment period, indicate the interest of the person requesting it, the reasons that the hearing is warranted, and the water quality issues being raised. When there is sufficient public interest in water quality issues, the department will hold a public hearing.

The permit application, supporting documentation including detailed plans and maps, and related comments are available at the department's address for review and/or copying. The department's address is:

Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation
Division of Water Pollution Control, Natural Resources Section
7th Floor L & C Annex
401 Church Street
Nashville, TN 37243

In deciding whether to issue or deny a permit, the department will consider all comments on record and the requirements of applicable federal and state laws.



Photo 1: Chestnut Hollow Branch from a haul road crossing, just upstream of the proposed dam location. Approximately 2 ½' wide. (5/3/06, photo by JWK)



Photo 2: Same location as above in fall 2005. Channel is dry. (photo by applicant).



Photo 3: Existing lake at Overton Retreat

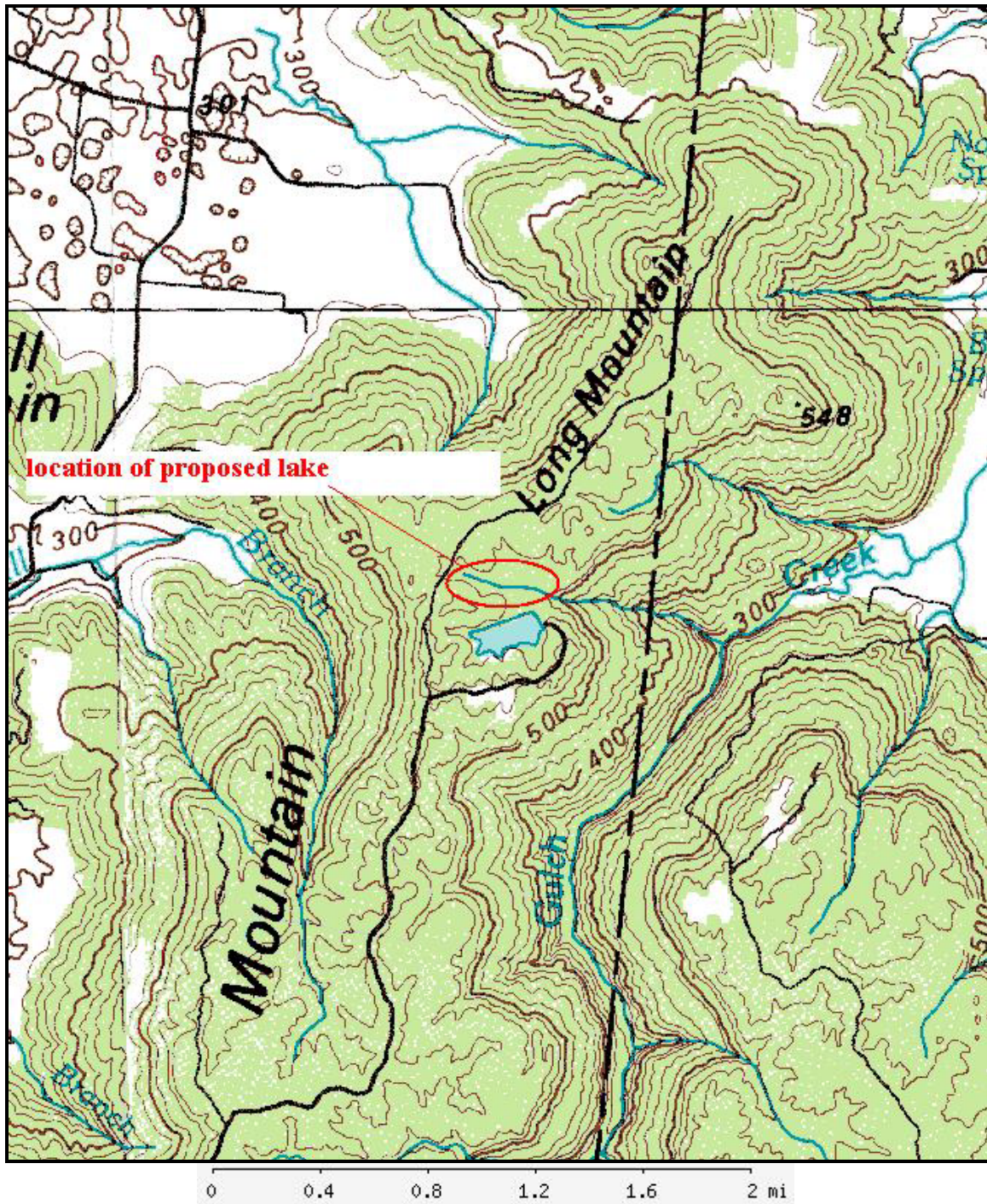


Figure 1: USGS topographic map with project area indicated

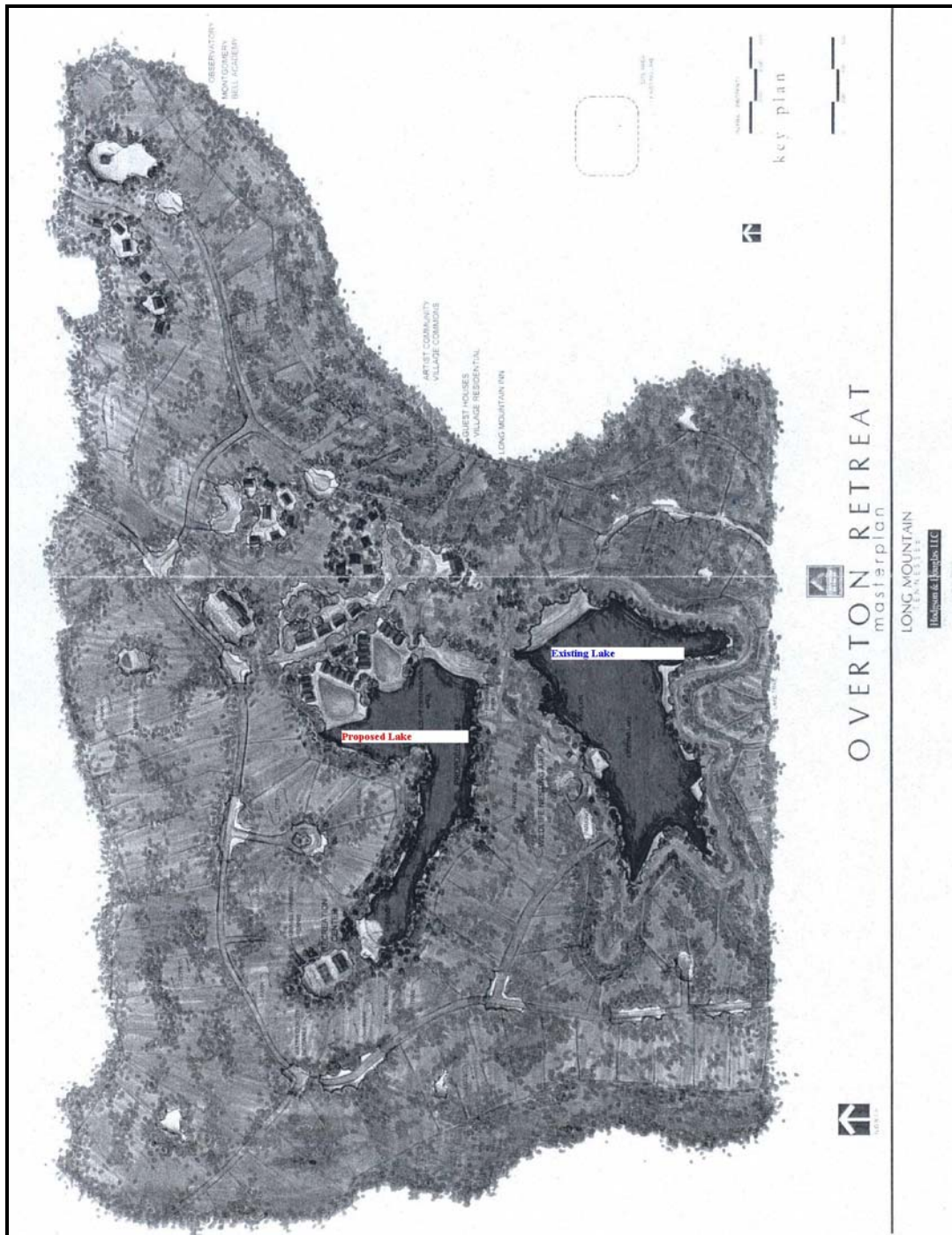


Figure 2: Overall site plan for Overton Retreat